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In re: Victor

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For: METHOD FOR DELIVERING HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Docket No. 79,349-075

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of fees, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add new claims 26-35 as follows:

26. (New) A method for delivering healthcare services in a facility comprising the steps of:

- (a) delivering healthcare services by a first medical clinician to an emergent patient in a first area of the facility;
- (b) delivering healthcare services by a second medical clinician to a non-emergent patient in a second area of the facility.

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27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the facility is a hospital emergency department.

28. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the first clinician is a first doctor.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the healthcare services comprise an examination by the first doctor.

30. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the second clinician is a second doctor.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the healthcare services comprise an examination by the second doctor.

32. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of identifying a patient as emergent or non-emergent upon arrival of the patient at the facility.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the step of identifying a patient as emergent or non-emergent is performed by a medical clinician.

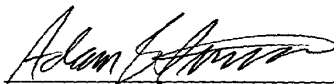
34. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of queuing non-emergent patients to receive healthcare services in chronological order of arrival at the facility.

35. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of providing the patient a form of compensation when the patient first receives healthcare services more than a predetermined time after the patient's arrival at the facility.

REMARKS

Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, acceptance of the above-recited amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, he or she is invited to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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